

August Conrad Frank

50 years - business in Philadelphia
Metallurgy - Alie Sinking

Born August 4th, 1866, Stuttgart, Bavaria, Germany.
Served apprenticeship in Stuttgart - Wilhelm Tügel.

After 18 yrs. of age became master journeyman (Medallienmeister).
Worked in Berlin, Mannheim

1892 - came to America at age of 26 to see the Chicago
World's Fair and became enthusiastic over great opportunities
here and decided America was the logical country in
which to start a business. Also had idea of
getting away from the political and economic turmoil
of Europe in those days.

He never returned to his birthplace until 25 years later,
despite assurance to his mother of returning after visit here.
(However, after he was ~~was~~ settled and married he sent
for his mother to come here to stay. However, after a visit
with the family she returned to Germany. After seeing to
it that the first child or children were christened by her
in the Catholic faith in which she had strictly brought
up her four children.)

1896 - Started his own business (after working for a time for Winkens², Winkens²).

at South East corner of 11th & Chestnut Sts., Phila; and manufacturing steel dies, as metallurgist, medalionist and as jewelry work.

As he reminisces In reminiscence he says he was far happier then, without having to attend to the complications of business as it is today.

From the small die making establishment he has enlarged his ~~place~~ ^{of} business until his name ^{is ranko high} ~~is well known in~~ circles where that type of work is

and reputation are of the highest in the circles where his type of work is known and highly regarded and sought after. and his opinions

A year after starting his business he met and married Bertha Edelmann on October 14th, 1897

Business grew from one man shop year by year and his two sons who have always been with him since they left school now are partners in a large factory now only 2. 7000 square feet on Sanson Street through to Walnut Street.

1899

National Export Exposition Medal
awarded by Franklin Institute.

A great many of the original dies and hubs for
the insignia of the U. S. Army, Navy and
Air Corps were made by A.C.F. & are
being made today.

1900

Elisha Kent Kane Medal awarded by
Geographical Society of Phila. for Eminent
Geographical Research.

11-29-1902

The Sesquicentennial of the initiation of
to Washington into Freemasonry.

Edgar A. Tennis was R.W. Grandmaster and
John R. Kinsey, Worshipful Master Phila.
Lodge No. 444 F. and A.M. Phila., at that time
which medal commemorates.

Commemorative Events with Chronological Historical events
and in that year while the lights were being
installed on, etc., the medal for
commemorative etc.

1909

Medal for presentation to Com. R.E. Peary. U.S.N. by
the Geog. Soc. of Phila. for the discovery of
the North Pole.

1925

John Price Ketchell Medal awarded by Fkn Institute
by Comm. of Pa.

1926

Award to Ralph Hadjeski, Chief Eng. of Del. River Bridge
to commemorate dedication of Bridge.

In recent years main part of business is making dies and molds for the plastic industry

Even since starting his aim from the start was to bring his saw up in the business so his craftsmanship would continue. knowledge of

Some of his ^{most} famous contributions to ^{the} making and designing of awards are:

The Perry Medal - for awarded by the National Geographic Society to commemorate discovery of the North Pole

Was Rev. W. Sartain and his son.

Eliza West Medal - Dr. William Sartain and his son.

Janson - 1st man who built a row house in Phila.
Janson Street was mud road with no lights.

(Frank Caldwell & Co. for the 35 years and more up to present day.
messengers afraid to come down there after dark.

Did work for Bailey, Banks & Biddle.

Historical Society of Penna.

13th & Spruce Sts Phila. have all

of Phila.

May 15,

1897

in commemoration of unveiling of
Made 4" medal for Society of
(George Washington Statue at Parkway, later lots renewed)
Monument in Phila.

Medal commemorating flight of Amelia Earhart -
now in Franklin museum.

Before electric lights they used gas light which was not
bright enough to illuminate the work so they
concentrated the beam of light by filling bowls with
fun glass

water and standing them before the gas flame so that the
light was magnified to better illuminate their bench work.

When he began his business he made only ^{steel} dies.
Then customers wanted stampings.

Screw Press - Original patent for
Struck coins & medals.

Made dies for Chesebrough

2. Medal made in Paris said - Paris Mint
but was reproduced here - could not tell difference.

Very reluctant to accept publicity.

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Amelia Earhart Medal

Presented by Major Moore at Genl Banquet
Oct. 5, 1932, ~~sent~~ to her as first woman